

December 5, 2007

*Ms. Victoria Rutson
Chief, Section of Environmental Analysis
Surface Transportation Board
395 E Street, S.W.
Washington, DC 20423-0001*

Dear Ms. Rutson,

I am a resident of Barrington, Illinois. My home, where my family has lived for over five years, is only a block and a half away for the EJ&E railroad crossing at 59 and James Street. 59 is a major north south state road that runs right through the downtown of Barrington. The EJ&E crosses over 6 major intersections through Barrington, causing traffic congestion and high levels of noise pollution every time they blow the train whistle. Basically, they never let up on the train whistle. They just keep blowing all through the town. You can imagine what that's like when you're trying to sleep during the night. You get the feeling that the engineers are really enjoying laying on that whistle.

Recently, I heard that Canadian National Railway Company had proposed a project that would bring at least 15 to 30 more trains per day down these tracks. This announcement outraged me. I became even more concerned when I heard that this estimate did not account for the

LARGE increases expected in train traffic throughout the Chicago area over the next 20 years. The drastic increase in (noise, traffic, safety issues, school busses trying to get to and from school, crossing these tracks over 300 to 400 times a day, etc.) will affect my family's quality of life and the quality of life for this wonderful small town community.

I have been informed that you are the person responsible for reviewing Canadian National's proposal. I think that the effects I have mentioned in the letter warrant serious consideration before you allow Canadian National to move forward. You hold the safety and well being of not only my family and community, but that of the entire northwest region of the Chicagoland area in your hands. I trust that you and the rest of the Board will thoroughly review Canadian National's proposal for any and all effects on the environment and the affected communities. Please think long and hard before you approve this proposal. This decision affects not just our quality of life here in Barrington. It also greatly affects that of a major part of the northwest suburbs of Chicago. This proposal, should it go through, will create a problem of epic proportions.

Sincerely,

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